GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR PACKAGE FOR TOURIST PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce special air-package for the tourists visiting the Hill regions, particularly Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said package is likely to be introduced for these States; and

(d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken to attract more tourists visiting these States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (d):- Indian Airlines has introduced holiday packages to hill destinations such as Kashmir, Leh, Himachal, Darjeelings, Sikkim, Kathmandu, Ooty, Munnar, Mahabaleshwar, Lonavala and Mount Abu. These packages are launched every year from 1st April to 30th September and 1st October to 31st March. Holiday packages to Jammu & Kashmir called Jammu & Kashmir Flyaways are available to Jammu/Srinagar ex-Delhi. This packages can also be availed from other important cities via Delhi. Holiday packages to Himachal Pradesh called Himachal Flyaways are available ex-Delhi and Chandigarh. This packages can also be availed from other important cities via Delhi/Chandigarh. The above packages can also be availed ex-Bangkok, Kualalumpur and Singapore via Delhi.

Indian Airlines has also introduced other promotional packages like Super Saver Utsav Plus, Indian Super Saver, Indian Family Fare, Easy Fares, Unchecked Fares, Spot Fares etc to promote travel on its network at lower fares.

Private scheduled airline viz. Air Deccan, Spice Jet, Go Air, IndiGo, etc. offer dynamic fare system based on demand for seat which is avaialable across their entire network which are much lower than normal fares. Other scheduled airlines viz. Jet Airways, Sahara Airlines, Kingfisher Airlines, etc. offer various levels of air fares which are compariatively lower than the normal air fares.